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In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 09/944,098)	Group Art Unit: 2651
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Filed: September 4, 2001)	Examiner: Unassigned

For: OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE AND FOCUS ERROR DETECTING METHOD THEREFOR

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application and before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed document is attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and is in a language other than English.

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 8-185635. The relevance of this document is disclosed on page 9 of the present application. English Abstract enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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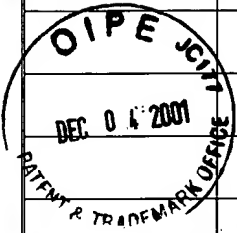
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